

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide  
Anglican Communion.

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

*April 26, 2026*

*Before the Service — Speak quietly to God  
During the Service — Let God speak to you  
After the Service — Speak to one another*

### LITURGICAL SEASON EXPLAINED

The season after Easter Day until Pentecost is called the **Easter Season** or **Easter tide** and lasts 50 days.

The central theme of Eastertide is the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of new life, hope, and redemption. This is the most joyful season in the Christian calendar, the mood is bright and triumphant.

The scripture readings focus on the appearances of the risen Christ and the beginnings of the Christian community with the missionary work of the apostles. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing joy and purity.

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To join the 8:30 service online, visit our website at [gracechurchmtclemens.org](http://gracechurchmtclemens.org) and follow the links.

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8:30 AM Service: Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300 Password: 246040

Follow the link on our website to watch the 10:30 service on YouTube.

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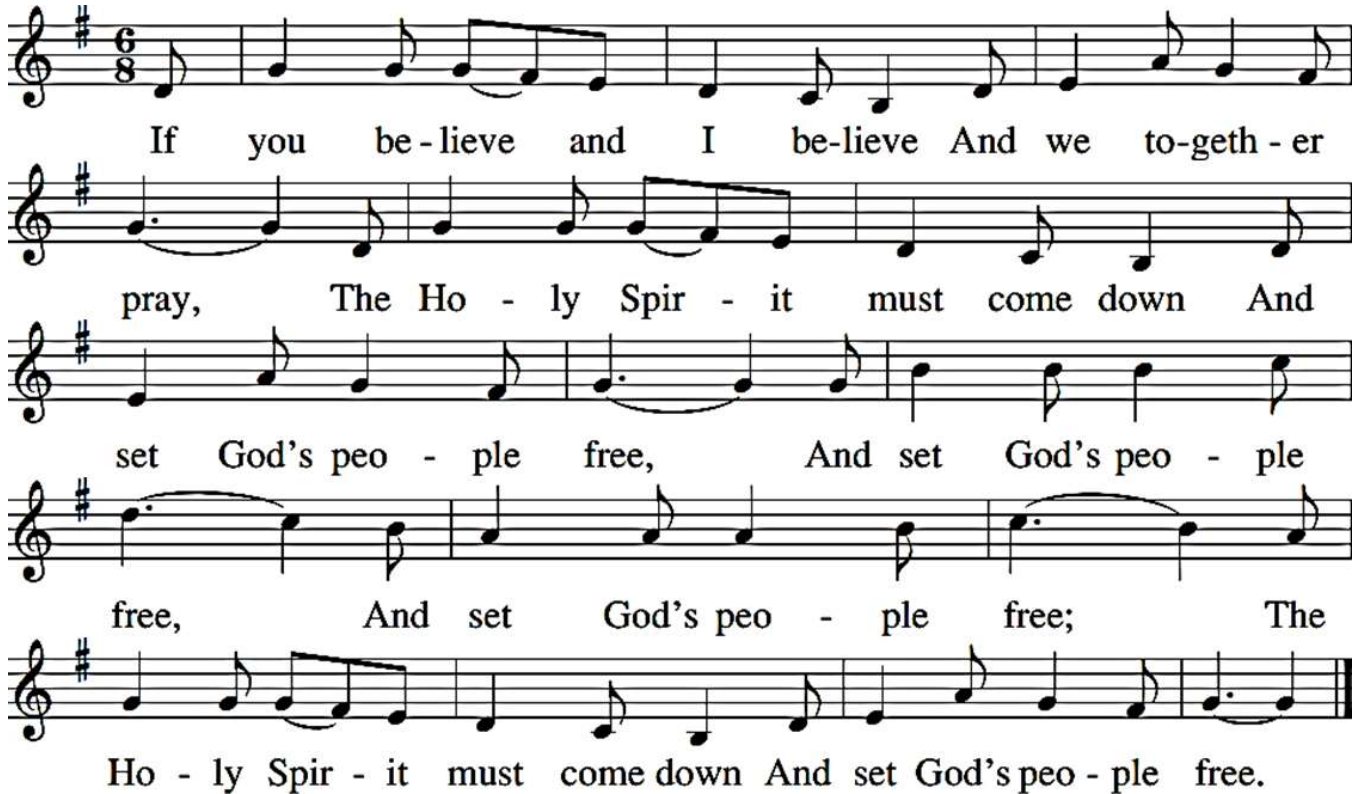
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## OPENING HYMN: If You Believe And I Believe

*Please stand as you are able*



If you be - lieve and I be - lieve And we to - geth - er  
pray, The Ho - ly Spir - it must come down And  
set God's peo - ple free, And set God's peo - ple  
free, And set God's peo - ple free; The  
Ho - ly Spir - it must come down And set God's peo - ple free.

## ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant continues:*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## GLORIA



Gló - ri - a, gló - ri - a in ex - cél - sis De - o,  
gló - ri - a, gló - ri - a and on earth, be peace.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*This Week's Reader: **Gay Gillespie & Lucia Smith***

*Next Week's Readers: **Scot Lau & Lydia Reed***

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please be seated*

### **FIRST READING** Acts 2:42-47

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSE** Psalm 23 – *Dominus regit me*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd;\*

**I shall not be in want.**

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures\*

**and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul\*

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil;\*

**for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;\*  
**you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**

<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,\*  
**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 2:19-25

*Reader* A reading from the first epistle of Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**



**GOSPEL HYMN: Jesus Calls Us**

*Please stand as you are able*

1. Je - sus calls us here to meet him as through  
 2. Je - sus calls us to con - fess him Word of  
 3. Je - sus calls us to each oth - er, vast - ly

word and song and prayer, we af - firm God's  
 life and Lord of all, shar - er of our  
 dif - f'rent though we are: creed and col - or,

prom - ised pres - ence where Christ's peo - ple live and  
 flesh and frail - ness, sav - ing all who fail or  
 class and gen - der, nei - ther lim - it nor de -

care. Praise the God who keeps each prom - ise,  
 fall. Tell his ho - ly, hu - man sto - ry;  
 bar. Join the hand of friend and stran - ger,

praise the Son who calls us friends, praise the Spir - it  
 tell his tales that all may hear; tell the world that  
 join the hands of age and youth, join the faith - ful

who, a - mong us, to our hopes and fears at - tends.  
 Christ in glo - ry came to earth to meet us here.  
 and the doubt - er in their com - mon search for truth.

**GOSPEL**

John 10:1-10

The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of our Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY** The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

*Please be seated*

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Please stand as you are able*

*This is an ancient baptismal creed, but using the words "I give my heart,"  
a truer translation of the Latin word "credo" than "I believe."*

**I give my heart to God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I give my heart to Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I give my heart to the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Leader* Christ is risen—alleluia! In the confidence of the Resurrection, we now pray in our Savior's name for all of God's people throughout the world, saying: Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,

**People And Christ will give you life!**

*Leader* Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace. Awake, O Church, rise from death,

**People And Christ will give you life!**

*Leader* Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love. Awake, O World, rise from death,

**People And Christ will give you life!**

*Leader* Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might share with and honor the other. Awake, O People, rise from death,

**People** **And Christ will give you life!**

*Leader* Bring newness and change for the poor of the earth, O God, for the victims of warfare and natural disasters, and for refugees around the world, especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan, Haiti, the Congo, and Venezuela. Awake, O Downcast, rise from death,

**People** **And Christ will give you life!**

*Leader* Bring newness and change to our community, O God, as we pray for the children in our lives and in our world. Grant us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, and good. Awake, O Family, rise from death,

**People** **And Christ will give you life!**

*Leader* Bring newness and change for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our prayer list. Are there others?

That they might know your saving help. Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,

**People** **And Christ will give you life!**

*Leader* Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, that they might forever grow in your likeness. Awake, O Saints, rise from death,

**People** **And Christ will give you life!**

*Leader* Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger in faith and hope. Awake, O Soul, rise from death,

**People** **And Christ will give you life!**

*Leader* Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy!

**People** **Alleluia, amen!**

## **CONCLUDING COLLECT**

*Celebrant:*

Hear our prayers, O God, on behalf of those for whom we pray, and give us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen and exalted Lord. **AMEN.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with one another.*

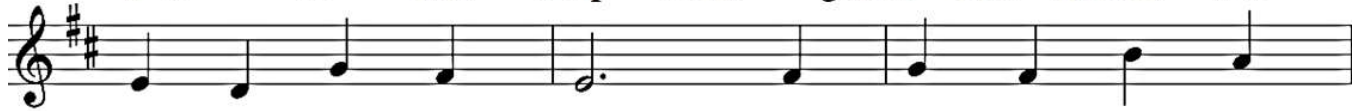
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please be seated*

**OFFERTORY HYMN: How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds**



1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds To  
 2. It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And  
 3. Blest Name! The rock on which we build, Our  
 4. O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, Our



all be - liev - ing ears! It soothes our sor - rows,  
 calms the heart dis - tressed: 'Tis man - na for the  
 shield and rest - ing place, Our nev - er - fail - ing  
 proph - et, priest, and king, Our Lord, our life, our



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fears.  
 hun - gry soul, And for the wea - ry, rest.  
 store - house, filled With count - less gifts of grace!  
 way, our end, Ac - cept the praise we bring.

**DOXOLOGY**

*Please stand as you are able*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow.



Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low.



Praise Him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly hosts.



Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to our God.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to our God.

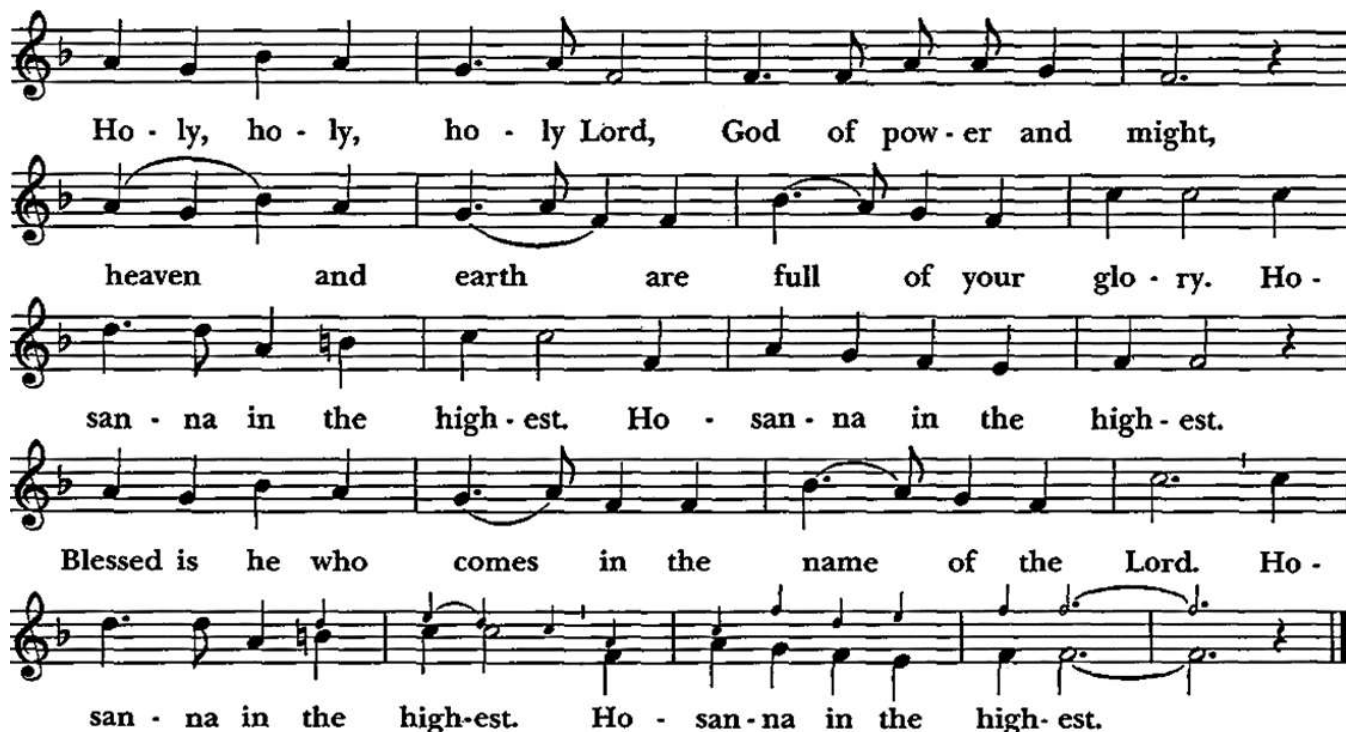
**People** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant continues:*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing; all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. And so, as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant continues:*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all; your Word has never been silent. You called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations; you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be

human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign, and to give himself for us. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension; longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

For it is through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, that we worship you, our God and Creator, in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.**



## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant says:*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, holy is your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.**

## FRACTION: My Chains Are Gone

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
stilled, when striv-ings cease! My Com-fort-er, my all in  
all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION

*Please be seated*

### Communion at Grace is Open to Everyone

*Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you at God's table. You may choose to receive bread (gluten free wafers available upon request). You may choose to receive wine in the silver chalice or grape juice in the white and blue chalice. You may drink from either cup or intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. You may refrain from the bread and chalice and just receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*



## COMMUNION HYMN: Shepherd Me, O God

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
yond my fears, from death in-to life.

1. God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want; I  
2. Gen - tly you raise me and heal my wea-ry soul; you  
3. Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

rest in the mead - ows of faith - ful - ness and love; I  
lead me by path - ways of right - eous - ness and truth; my  
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side; your

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.



### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able*

*Celebrant* Let us pray together our post-Communion prayer.

*Celebrant and People say together:*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN.**

## BLESSING

May the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. And may the blessing of God Almighty—God our Creator, God our Redeemer, and God our Sanctifier—be with you this day and forevermore. **AMEN.**

## CLOSING HYMN: Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sa - vior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need thy  
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us  
ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,  
for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* My friends, our worship has now ended, let us go forth in peace to show the world by our actions and our words the saving power of the risen Jesus! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **We will, with God's help! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**



## **The Prayers of this Congregation**

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; our Bishop, Bonnie Anne Perry; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod. Our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; our retired community, spouses, and companions. Our diocesan household: Committees, commissions, ministries, agencies, priests, deacons, lay leaders, volunteers, and staff members; Steven Steinberger-Domienik; Grace Church Mt. Clemens; Bonao, DR Church of the Pentecost.

For our Wednesday and Sunday supper guests; Donna Hanes; Frankie Dion; Elliott Belair; Charlotte Kalligeros; Tom Stotz; Jennifer Holland; Joan Walsh; Elizabeth Gage; Logan & Teresa Davidson; Jeanne Nowak; Donna Powell; Pamela Sherry; Linda Fields; Michael Woodard; Sara Mattocks; Gene Skladnowski; Sherie Borsa; Joan Donald; Rob Haynes; Scott Kadets; Brenda Steinberger-Domienik; Laurisa; Jason Zadorski; Pat Ruditis; Jean & Terry Hitchcock; Laura Mary Lake; Allen Clay; Mary Anne Jackson; Martha Wehba; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Bassey; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy & Bob Johnson; Rick Ghersi; Rory Heinz; Carole Schwertman; Tish Germain; Shirley & Nelson Rumpel; Helen Fitzgibbon; Joyce & Roy Schafer; Danielle; Betty Brogan; Paige Biehl; Ulrike Lamb; Debbie H.; Beverly Wolff; Ellen Laudicina; Beth Jarvis; Dave Salyer; Al Gazoul; Randy; Sharon Fedchenko; Joyce Geiger; Steve Burns; Brenden Murphy and family; the Domienik family; Michael Oakley; Betty Moore; Sandy Krell; Bobby Coutts; Sharon Potter; Rita Vermeersch; Sallie Coffey; Frank Davis; Jerry Gardner; Shelly Volpe; Bud Denham; John Schober; Tish Mastro-Burns; Jane Kaminski.

*Do you know someone who can use our prayers?*

*Please contact the office to add them to or keep them on the prayer list.*

### **The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH**

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sundays, in person & online 8:30 & 10:30 AM. Visit our website for more information.  
Bible Study: Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Guild Room

#### **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

##### **Community Suppers:**

**Wednesdays** at 4:00

**Sunday Suppers: Sundays** at 4:00, November-March

##### **Food Pantry:**

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 AM-12 noon, curbside pickup  
*Serving from 250-500 people every month*

##### **Fueling Kids' Futures:**

Tuesdays at 11:30 AM at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4  
35088 Automation Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48035

**All outreach ministries welcome volunteers,  
financial donations, or food and clothing donations.**

***Call the office to learn about helping or giving:  
586-465-4573***

## CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please send all bulletin submissions to [bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org](mailto:bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org)*

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Please sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the sanctuary.

### COFFEE HOUR

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is in the hallway. The host(s) makes and sets up the coffee and any snacks and then cleans up afterwards. You may also be reimbursed for any money you spend for snacks—just let Marchea (in the office) know! Thank you for sharing in the hospitality ministry of our parish!

### BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Sundays at 9:30 AM** in the Guild Room for our Bible study. No preparation needed; just come and listen and join in the conversation. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend each week; come when you can. We learn a great deal about Scripture, our faith, ourselves, and each other! Hope to see you there!

### CHOIR

Please join us for choir rehearsal on **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. No experience required; just bring your spirited heart and a friend! Thank you!

### GARDENS OF GRACE

Spring's arrival means it's time to give some TLC to our church gardens. If all goes according to plan, we should already have mulch down this weekend with the help of the Boy Scouts. Please see the *Amazing Grace* newsletter (available at both entrances and online) for monthly updates and ways you can help out.

### BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be on **Thursday, May 14 at 6 PM** at Grace Church. At the last meeting we couldn't decide which book was next, so we ended up choosing two books! They are: *Hold Strong* by Robert Dugoni and *twice* by Mitch Albom. We hope to see you at the next meeting! If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Ann Strevel.

### ALC EVENTS

Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the hallway for more info on upcoming and ongoing events at American Lutheran. There's a lot to choose from!

## For Education in the Age of AI

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God of wisdom, who grants us reason and discernment as we make crucial decisions, **we pray for students** and educators **in the age of AI**. We pray especially for all who are **entrusted with the holy work** of caring for the intellectual development of our young people amid rapid technological change. **Grant our lawmakers** and school administrators **wisdom** to put appropriate guardrails on AI in the classroom **as we assess the risks** and potential impacts this technology will have on learning environments. O God, **your Son taught us to consider the lilies** of the field, and **you show us the beauty of this world** in the ordinary. **Grant that students** with easy access to AI may still **learn from the world around them**, growing in wisdom through attention, patience, and lived experience. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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